

A black and white photograph of two cheetahs. The cheetah in the foreground is looking directly at the camera with a calm expression. The cheetah in the background is slightly out of focus and also looking towards the camera. Both animals have the characteristic spotted pattern of cheetahs.

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2008 **CALENDAR**

SEPTEMBER 2007

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Labor Day						
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Grandparents Day	Patriot Day	Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown	Ramadan begins	Hispanic Heritage Month begins		
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Fiesta Musical					Yom Kippur begins at sundown	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Autumnal equinox						
30	Sukkot begins at sundown			Native American Day		






NOVEMBER 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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				American Indian Heritage Month begins		
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	Veterans Day					
18	19	20	21	22	23 	24
				Thanksgiving		
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			ZooLights begins			

OCTOBER 2007

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Columbus Day					Navaratri	Eid al-Fitr (Ramadan ends)
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
National Rainforest Week begins						Sweetest Day
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
					Boo at the Zoo	Boo at the Zoo
28	29	30	31			
Boo at the Zoo			Halloween			

DECEMBER 2007

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		Hanukkah begins at sundown			Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	Bodhi Day
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				Eid al-Adha		Winter solstice
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30		31				
	New Year's Eve	Christmas Day	Kwanzaa begins		Congress enacted Endangered Species Act, 1973	



LAST QUARTER



○ NEW MOON



☾ FIRST QUARTER



 FULL MOON

Celebrating 50 Years of FONZ



Jessie Cohen/NZP

This year, Friends of the National Zoo (FONZ) invites you to help celebrate its 50th birthday. With the support of people like you, FONZ has grown from a small group founded by a few local citizens into a thriving organization with tens of thousands of members from around the world. And most important, it is only with

the support of its members that FONZ could have achieved so much in the last half century as a vital partner of the Smithsonian's National Zoo.

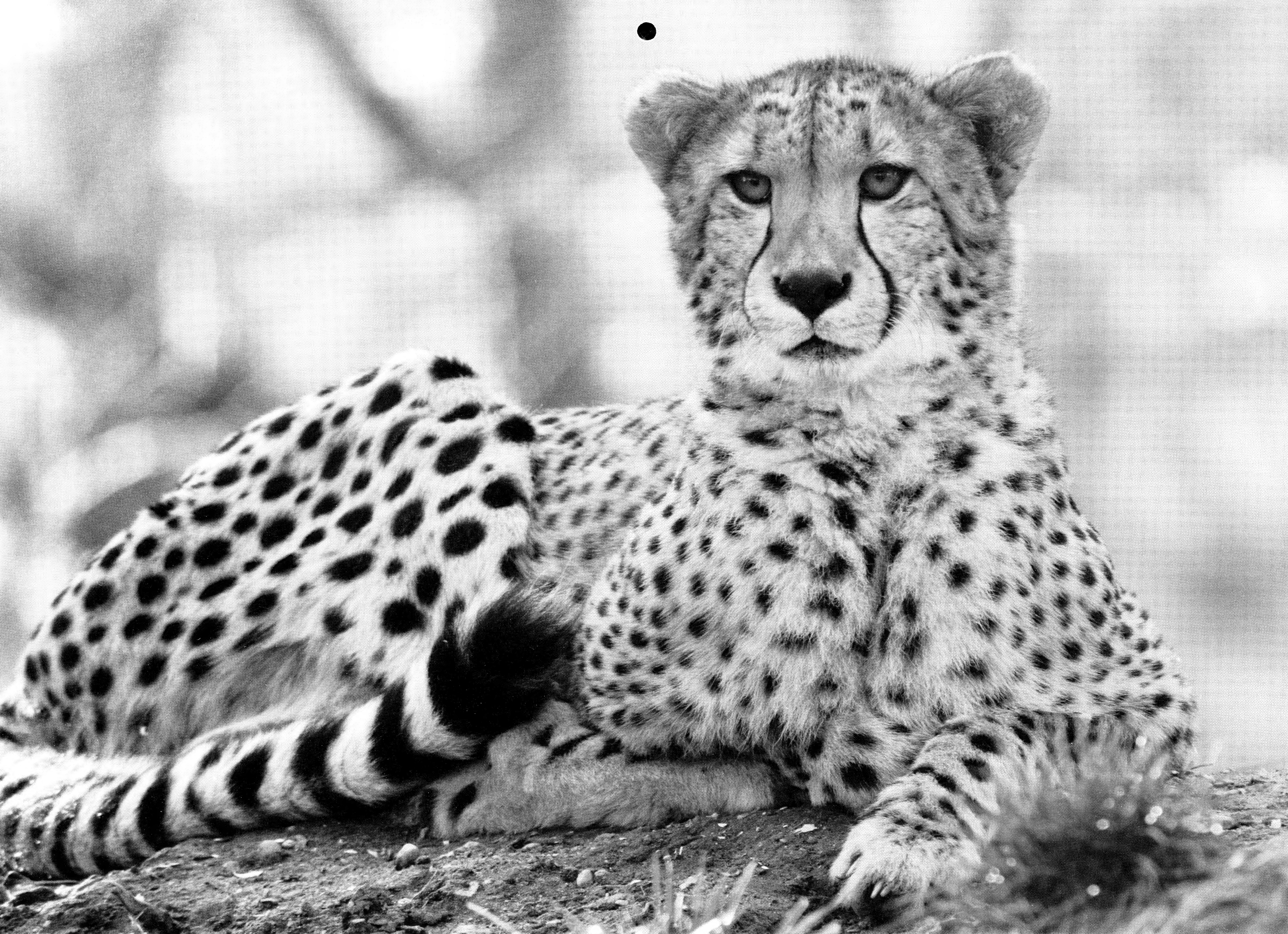
It all began on April 10, 1958, when a handful of the Zoo's neighbors came together to revitalize their beloved zoological park, which was at that time deteriorating due to lack of funding. They

advocated bringing the Zoo's federal budget entirely under the umbrella of the Smithsonian Institution rather than keeping it divided between the District of Columbia and the Smithsonian, as it was then. Their success established greater financial stability for the Zoo and made possible many future scientific research programs.

This cadre of dedicated citizens has grown tremendously over the last 50 years and continues to seize new opportunities to strengthen the Zoo. FONZ is now essential to the Zoo's daily operations, providing guest services such as parking, concessions, and visitor information. And the Zoo depends on FONZ's more than 40,000 members, 100-plus full-time employees, and 1,500 volunteers to attain its long-term conservation, science, and education goals. In this 2008 *ZooGoer* calendar, you'll find a small sampling of the many ways that FONZ enriches the National Zoo.

FONZ looks forward to celebrating the past 50 years with you as it continually strives to restore our endangered natural world. Visit www.fonz.org/fonzturns50.htm throughout the year for news about special birthday activities.

In 2008, FONZ turns 50 and reflects on its contributions to the Smithsonian's National Zoo. FONZ staff, members, and volunteers (including Great Ape House exhibit interpreter Leslie Reed, above) provide exciting and enriching experiences for Zoo visitors and are committed to restoring an endangered natural world.



FONZ members give generously to our annual appeals, which help animals at the Zoo and in the wild. The current appeal benefits cheetahs; others have benefited scimitar-horned oryx and giant pandas. FONZ also contributes to the conservation of Sumatran tigers.

Cheetah and oryx: Jessie Cohen/NZP. Giant pandas: Ann Batdorf/NZP. Tigers: Meghan Murphy/NZP.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
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JANUARY 2008

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Exhibit interpreters reach out to visitors around the Zoo every day. These FONZ volunteers educate and inspire, sharing information about fascinating animals such as jade-headed buffalo beetles, fennec foxes, poison dart frogs, miniature Mediterranean donkeys, and eclectus parrots.

Beetle and fox: Meghan Murphy/NZP. Frog, parrot, and volunteer and visitor with donkey: Jessie Cohen/NZP.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Black History Month begins	2 Groundhog Day
3	4	5 Registration for FONZ summer camps begins at www.fonz.org Mardi Gras	6 Ash Wednesday	7 Chinese New Year	8	9
10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 Nirvana Day	16
17	18 Presidents' Day	19	20	21	22 Washington's Birthday	23 
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FEBRUARY 2008
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FONZ horticulture volunteers help tend the Zoo's incredibly diverse flora. Thousands of tree and plant species make the Zoo a resplendent urban oasis and provide food and habitat for wildlife. Some blooming varieties are lotus (above) and (below, left to right) coreopsis, heliconia, and echinacea.

Lotus: Ann Batdorf/NZP. Echinacea and coreopsis: Meghan Murphy/NZP. Heliconia: Jessie Cohen/NZP.

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					<div>GEICO. 15 minutes could save you 15% or more on car insurance. www.geico.com 1.800.947.AUTO</div>	
					Women's History Month begins	
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National Zoological Park established, 1889				Maha Shivaratri		
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Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m., set clocks ahead						
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Palm Sunday	St. Patrick's Day			Vernal equinox Purim begins at sundown	Good Friday Holi begins	
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Easter	African American Family Celebration					
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MARCH 2008

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Giant pandas symbolize FONZ's commitment to conserving endangered species. With generous support from corporate sponsors and members, FONZ funds giant panda conservation in China. It also helped make possible the 2005 birth of Tai Shan and the 2006 opening of the Fujifilm Giant Panda Habitat.

All photos, Meghan Murphy/NZP.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 April Fools' Day	2	3	4	5
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		Snore & Roar registration begins at www.fonz.org		FONZ founded, 1958		12
	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Income tax returns due				Earth Day Celebration Passover begins at sundown
20 ●	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Earth Day	Administrative Professionals Day		Arbor Day	Bird Fest
27 Bird Fest	28 ☾	29	30	 <div>FUJIFILM Partners in Conservation Fujifilm, FONZ, and the National Zoo invite you to visit the expanded Fujifilm Giant Panda Habitat and six other Asian species along Asia Trail. www.fujifilmusa.com</div>		

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Behavior watchers observe animals such as caracals, butterflies, kori bustards, and giant pandas—sometimes around the clock—to obtain valuable data for Zoo scientists. Just before 4 a.m. on July 9, 2005, one of these dedicated FONZ volunteers witnessed the birth of giant panda cub Tai Shan.

Caracal, bustards, and giant panda behavior watcher: Jessie Cohen/NZP. American copper butterfly: photos.com.

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	Cinco de Mayo				Guppy Gala	International Migratory Bird Day
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Mother's Day				ZooFari		Armed Forces Day
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		Buddha Day				
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	Memorial Day					

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MAY 2008
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FONZ volunteer keeper aides provide vital support for the commissary and veterinary hospital, and for exhibits throughout the Zoo. They help staff take care of animals such as flamingos, western lowland gorillas, golden mantella frogs, and Hercules beetles.

Flamingos, gorilla, and frog: Jessie Cohen/NZP. Beetle: Meghan Murphy/NZP.

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JUNE 2008
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FONZ's public education programs, camps, and classes enlighten all ages on a wide variety of topics. A class about the animal kingdom, for example, may feature birds such as keel-billed toucans (above) and (below, left to right) western crowned-pigeons, North Island brown kiwis, and golden pheasants.

Toucan and pigeon, Mehgan Murphy/NZP. Kiwi and pheasant, Jessie Cohen/NZP.

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				Sunset Serenades	Independence Day	
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			Tai Shan's birthday	Sunset Serenades		12
	13	14	15	16	17 ●	18
				Sunset Serenades		19
20	21	22	23	24 ☾	25	26
		Mei Xiang's birthday		Sunset Serenades		
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				Sunset Serenades		

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JULY 2008

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As the dedicated partner of the Zoo, FONZ supports Elephant Trails: A Campaign to Save Asian Elephants, a science-based program to conserve Asian elephants in zoos and in the wild. Elephant Trails will provide a stimulating new habitat for a multigenerational herd at the Zoo.

All photos, Meghan Murphy/NZP.

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					Raksha Bandhan	
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				Brew at the Zoo		
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31	Tian Tian's birthday					

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AUGUST 2008

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FONZ funds research, breeding, and reintroduction programs for endangered species, helping to reintroduce golden lion tamarins to Brazil, black-footed ferrets to the U.S. West, and Przewalski's horses to Mongolia. It also contributes to research on maned wolves at the Zoo and in South America.

Tamarins: Meghan Murphy/NZP. Wolf, ferret, and horse: Jessie Cohen/NZP.

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	1 Labor Day Ramadan begins	2	3	4	5	6
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14	● 15 Hispanic Heritage Month begins	16	17	18	19	20
21 Fiesta Musical	☾ 22 Autumnal equinox	23	24	25	26 Native American Day	27
28	○ 29 Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown	30 Navaratri begins, Eid al-Fitr (Ramadan ends)	<div><p><u>CHEVY CHASE® BANK</u></p><p>Get the home team advantage you can bank on. Visit chevychasebank.com for details.</p></div> <div></div>			

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SEPTEMBER 2008

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FONZ-hosted fundraisers are fun with a cause. For example, proceeds from this month's Boo at the Zoo support FONZ public education programs. Past events have brought African lions, meerkats, and California sea lion pups to the Zoo, and contributed to clouded leopard conservation.

Lions and meerkats: Meghan Murphy/NZP. Clouded leopard and sea lion: Jessie Cohen/NZP.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5 Autumn Conservation Festival at CRC	6	7 ☾	8 Yom Kippur begins at sundown	9	10	11
12	13 Columbus Day Sukkot begins at sundown	14 ●	15	16	17	18 Sweetest Day
19	20 National Rainforest Week begins	21 ☾	22	23	24 Boo at the Zoo	25 Boo at the Zoo
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OCTOBER 2008

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Choose from more than 30 species in FONZ's Adopt a Species program and receive a thank-you gift and the satisfaction of knowing that your donation provides enrichment, habitat improvements, and medicine for Zoo animals including red pandas, bald eagles, Grevy's zebras, and Sumatran tigers.

Red panda, zebras, and tigers: Meghan Murphy/NZP. Zoo staff with bald eagle: Jessie Cohen/NZP.

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			 The Coca-Cola Company is proud to support the Smithsonian's National Zoo.		American Indian Heritage Month begins	
2 Daylight Saving Time ends 2 a.m., set clocks back	3	4 Birthday party registration begins at www.fonz.org Election Day	5	6	7	8
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This holiday season, give the gifts of mental stimulation, exercise, and fun to Zoo animals through FONZ's Giving Tree. Among the many items donated in 2006 were balls for Asian small-clawed otters, the fennec fox, and collared peccaries, and hot-air popcorn poppers for western lowland gorillas.

All photos, Meghan Murphy/NZP.

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21	22	23	24	25	26	27○
Hanukkah begins at sundown Winter solstice				Christmas Day	Kwanzaa begins	
28	29	30	31			
Congress enacted Endangered Species Act, 1973	Muharram begins		New Year's Eve			

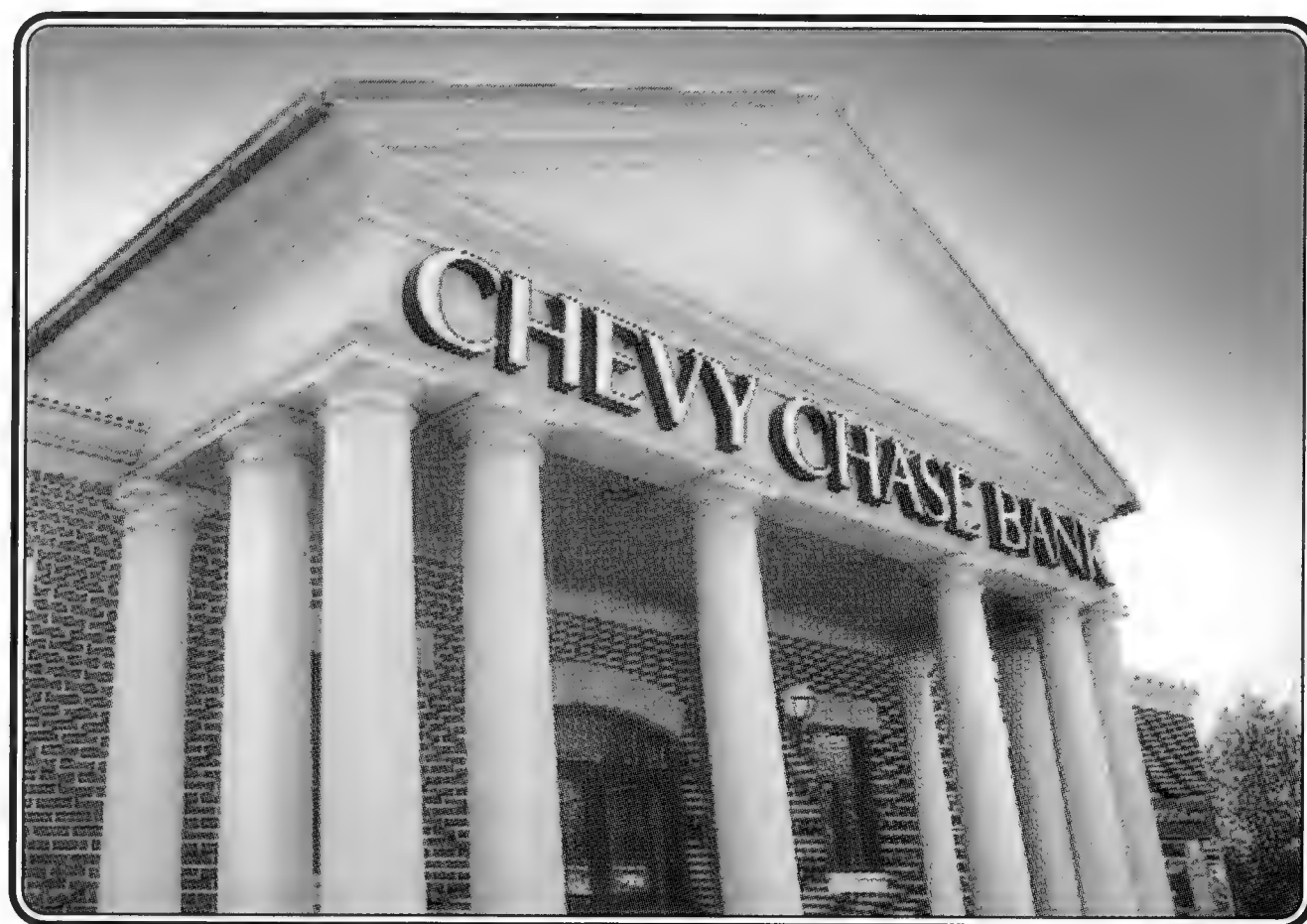
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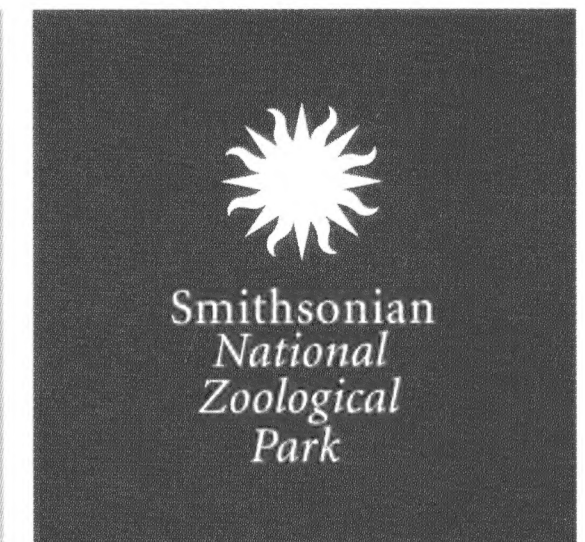
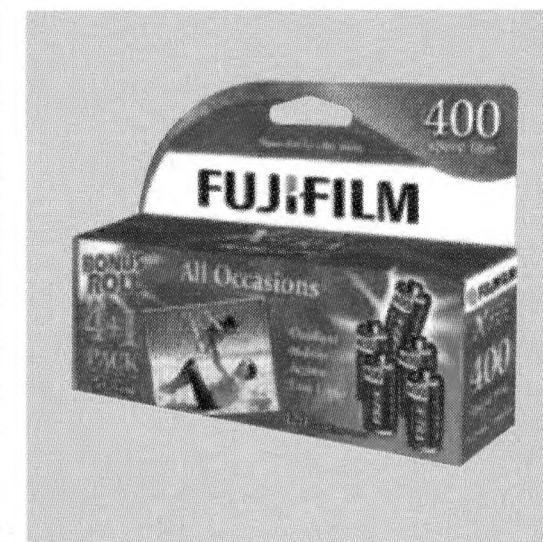
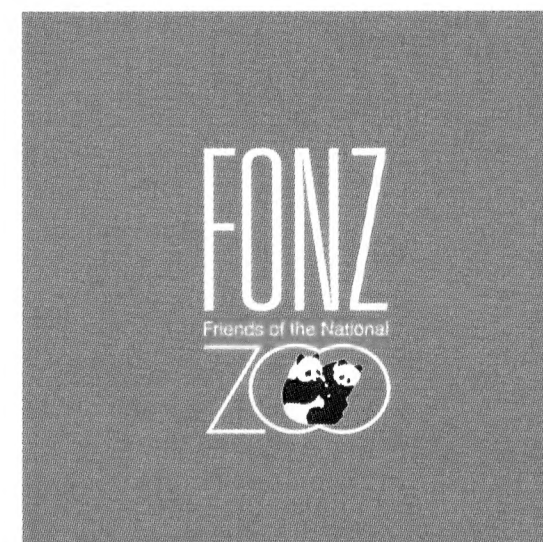
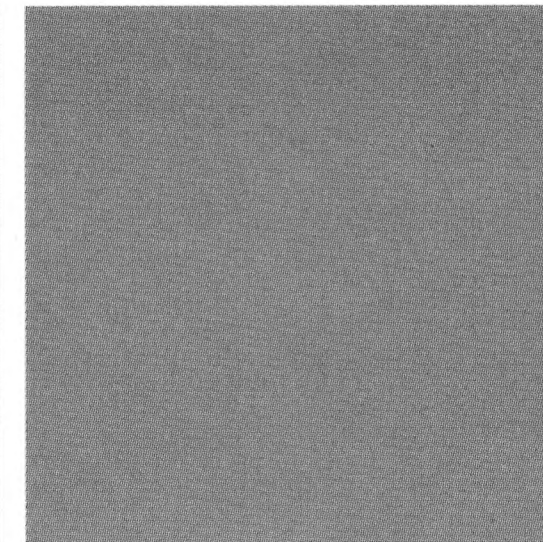
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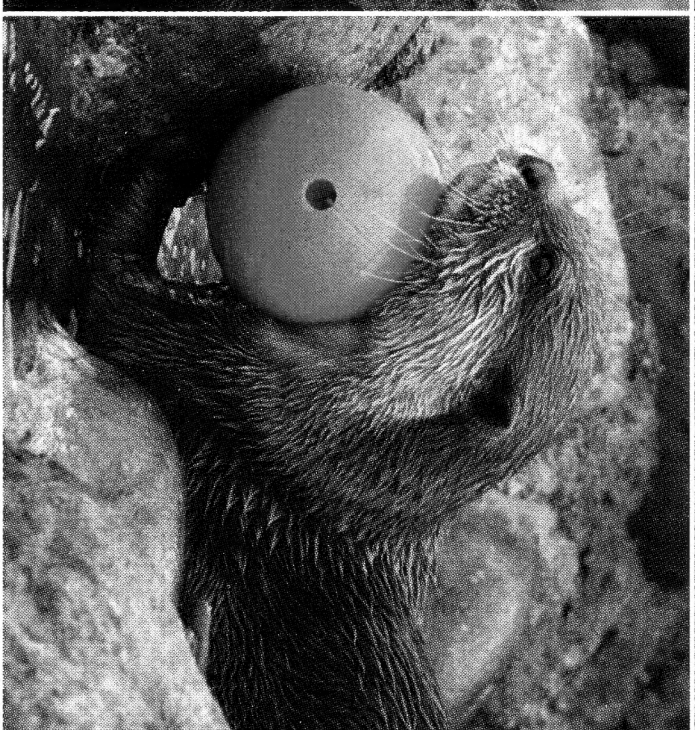
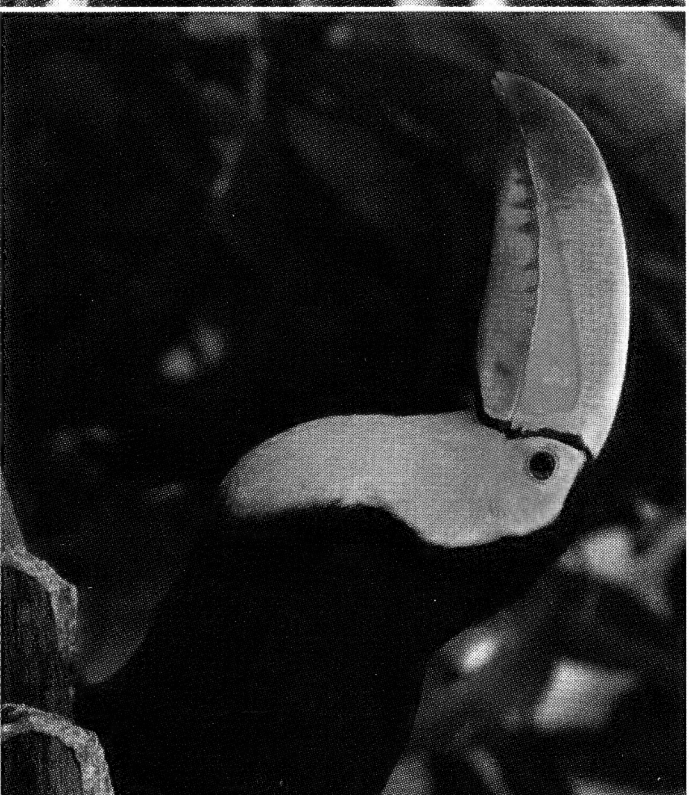
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